

## ORWH FY00 SUPPORTED SPECIAL PROJECTS

**TITLE:** Preventive Hormone Therapy Decision Making on the World Wide Web **NIA**

**AWARD:** \$194,877

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**INSTITUTION:** University of Washington, Seattle

This revised application proposes to extend prior work of this research team relating to physician practice and patient decisions regarding hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Specifically, the proposed research poses two major goals: 1) develop a computerized decision support system that can be distributed over the WWW designed to assist women in their decisions regarding HRT, and 2) evaluate the impact of the decision support aid on decisions that women make regarding HRT.

**TITLE:** Governors' Spouses Initiative on Underage Drinking **NIAAA**

**AWARD:** \$20,000

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**INSTITUTION:** National Institute of Alcohol, Abuse and Alcoholism

This project will be a two-phase initiative. The first phase, "Creating Buy-in" will consist of a 1½ day conference for invited participants to focus on research presentations, panel discussions, and media presentations aimed at raising awareness about the onset and the impact of alcohol use among adolescents aged 9-15 years. This conference will be held in Washington, DC in March, 2000. The second phase will be developing effective state-oriented programs on outreach, education, coordination, and data gathering.

**TITLE:** Methodological Work on NHANES Sexual Behavior/Orientation Questions **NCHS**

**AWARD:** \$25,000

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**INSTITUTION:** National Center for Health Statistics/CDC

NCHS will conduct research on the sexual behavior and orientation Audio CASI questions in NHANES and the sexual attraction question in the NSFG. This project would include analysis of the NHANES experience using the Audio CASI and cognitive testing of the English and Spanish versions of the behavior/orientation questions and attraction question for 2001. Given the lack of quality data in this area of research and the lack of standardized instruments, this research could prove extremely useful for future research efforts.

**TITLE:** Pilot Study to Assess Older, Minority, Low-Income Women's Needs for Healthcare Information and Skill Development in Negotiating with Healthcare Providers for Services **UMBC**

**AWARD:** \$24,996

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**INSTITUTION:** University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

This study would consist of the gathering of both quantitative and qualitative data which would provide more precise information about (a) how they currently get information related to their chronic illnesses;; (b) their prior experience trying to access healthcare services from providers; (c) what cultural and family barriers exist to their becoming more proactive in pursuit of healthcare for themselves; and (d) their assessments of the type of help, information, and support needed to assist them in reaching their healthcare objectives.

**TITLE:** Analysis and Dissemination of Information **WTS**

**AWARD:** \$24,950

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**INSTITUTION:** Women in Thoracic Surgery, Marina del Rey, CA

For the publication and dissemination of data detailing the demography, careers and research accomplishments of the first 98 women certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) in its 50-year history.